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TITLE OF INVENTION: INFORMATION REPRODUCTION DEVICE AND METHOD AND PROGRAM

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

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Applicant(s)

IWATSU ET AL.

Examiner

DENNIS TRUONG

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

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2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7, 10-16 and 19.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Dennis Truong/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2169

DETAILED ACTION

1. This Office Action is in response to Applicant's amendments and remarks filed 10/17/2011.

Response to Amendment

2. It is acknowledged that claims 1, 11-14 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled.
3. Claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19 are pending.

Reasons for Allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present application has been thoroughly reviewed. Upon searching a variety of databases, the examiner respectfully submits that claims 1-7, 10-16 and 19 the following is the reason for allowance:

The closest prior art is Burns et al. (US 6275496 B1), which discloses "*content is downloaded from the content provider during the off-peak hours and cached at the local service providers for serving to the subscribers during the ensuing peak time...When the content is finally requested, the data is streamed continuously in real-time for just-in-time rendering at the subscriber computer. Another aspect of this invention involves supplementing content delivery over the Internet with delivery of content over a secondary network, such as a broadcast satellite network*". This reference teaches: transmitting a request for page information, in response to receiving the URL, identifying the source of the URL, storing the content associated with the URL in a cache, accessing the content from the cache if content is detected in the cache and retrieving the content from the external source if not cached.

The second closest prior art is Ben-Shaul (US 6976090 B2), which discloses *“Uncompression is performed on a previously compressed web object...cache entry of the uncompressed document is according to the original URL”*. This reference teaches: storing uncompressed format upon a reception of said content in a compressed format.

The third closest prior art is Hill (US 7020658 B1), which discloses *“utility which is used to automatically manage the data files by automatically deleting data files associated with the search strings stored in the search string database 1620. The utility is activated by an event trigger in step 600... When the trigger event occurs, the computer retrieves the next search string from the search string database, beginning with the first string, as illustrated in step 602. Referring to FIG. 11A, the first search string selected from the search string database 1620 in step 604 is the text string “aboutmcs.com”. In step 604, the cache database 1670 is searched and all data files with an address or name associated with the search string “aboutmcs.com” are identified. In step 606, all the data files associated with the search string “aboutmcs.com” are deleted, as are the corresponding database entries... Upon completion of the utility of FIG. 6A, the user's cache is emptied of all data files that are of no interest to the user”*. This reference teaches removing URLs from a cache according to a particular search string.

Also in an updated search the prior art, Kiraly (US 20020059592 A1) was found to be relevant because it discloses, *“Internet radio device for receiving and/or transmitting audio information over the Internet”*, and teaches transmitting a call sign of a radio station and transmitting a request to a URL for page information; caching the content associated with the URL; accessing the content from the cache if content is detected in the cache and retrieving the content from the external source if not cached.

However any individual or combination of any of these prior art does not explicitly teach or suggest: means for transmitting a call sign of a radio station and for transmitting a request to a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for page information; means for receiving the URL in response to a transmission of the call sign of the radio station, for receiving said page information, which includes identification information corresponding to content data, from an external apparatus in response to the request to the URL, and for receiving said content data, the identification information identifying a vendor; storing means for storing said content data received by said means for receiving, based on said identification information, independently of said page information, and for storing a file of another vendor; means for outputting said content data along with said page information; and control means for registering in said storing means, in response to the identification information, said content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception of said content data in a compressed format from said external apparatus, for detecting whether said storing means is storing said content data independently of said page information, for controlling said means for outputting to output said content data from said storing means without an inquiry to the external apparatus when said control means detects that said storing means is storing said content data independently of said page information, for controlling said means for receiving to receive said content data from the external apparatus when said content data is not stored in said storing means, and for removing all files from said storing means except for files of the vendor. As recited in claim 1.

They also do not explicitly teach a method and computer-readable storage medium that suggests: transmitting a call sign of a radio station; receiving a Uniform

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Resource Locator (URL) in the response to the transmitting; transmitting a request to the URL for page information; receiving from an external apparatus the page information in response to the request to the URL, the page information including identification information corresponding to content data, the identification information identifying a vendor; detecting whether the content data is stored in a storage apparatus independently of said page information; acquiring, when the detecting detects that the content data is stored in said storage apparatus independently of said page information, said content data from said storage apparatus without an inquiry to the external apparatus; acquiring, when the detecting detects that said content data is not stored in said storage apparatus, the content data from said external apparatus; registering in said storage apparatus, in response to the identification information, the content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception of the content data in a compressed format from said external apparatus; storing, in said storage apparatus, the content data acquired in the acquiring from said external apparatus, based on said identification information, independently of said page information; storing in said storage apparatus a file of another vendor; outputting the content data from said storage apparatus along with said page information on an output interface; and removing all files from said storage apparatus except for files of the vendor. As recited in claim 12 and 13 respectively.

Nor do they explicitly teach or suggest: an information processing apparatus, comprising: a network device that transmits a call sign of a radio station, receives a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) in response to a transmission of the call sign of the radio station, transmits a request to the URL for page information, receives said page information, which includes identification information corresponding to content data,

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from an external apparatus in response to the request to the URL, and receives said content data, the identification information identifying a vendor; a memory configured to store said content data received by said network device, based on said identification information, independently of said page information, and to store a file of another vendor; an interface that outputs said content data along with said page information; and a controller configured to register in said memory, in response to the identification information, said content data in an uncompressed format upon a reception of said content data in a compressed format from said external apparatus, to detect whether said memory is storing said content data independently of said page information, to control said interface to output said content data from said memory without an inquiry to the external apparatus when said controller detects that said memory is storing said content data independently of said page information, to control said network device to receive said content data from the external apparatus when said content data is not stored in said memory, and to remove all files from the memory except for files of the vendor. As recited in claim 14.

Therefore claims 1, 12, 13 and 14 are allowed. The dependent claims 2-7, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 19 are depending on independent claim 14, and are allowed for the same reasons above.

An updated search of prior art has been conducted. The prior art search and investigated, do not fairly teach or suggest the subject matter as described by the combination of elements highlighted above with the elements presented in each of the independent claims 1, 12, 13 and 14.

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Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DENNIS TRUONG whose telephone number is (571)270-3157. The examiner can normally be reached on MON - FRI: 7:30 - 5:00 PM EST.

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/Dennis Truong/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2169